

# NORTH CAROLINA RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

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Financial Management Service  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
401 14th Street S.W., Room 420  
Washington, DC 20227

Re: 31 CFR Part 208 (Proposed Rule)  
Management of Federal Agency Disbursements

Dear Mr. Johnson:

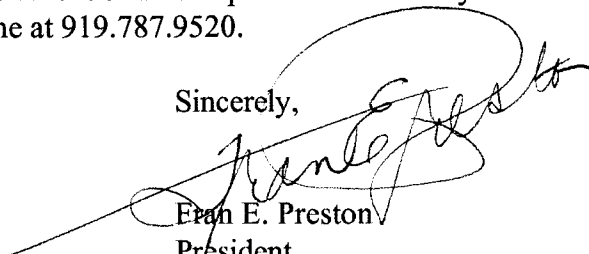
I am writing on behalf of our 2000 member stores who operate in North Carolina. These stores service many customers who receive monthly federal benefit payments. Because of this, our members are interested in the proposed rule affecting federal agency disbursements.

Please accept the following comments in reference to the proposed rule.

- 1.) If a debit card is issued by Treasury, costs for such a program should not be born by the retailer.
- 2.) Any additional banking fees shall be born by Treasury or the recipient and not the retailer.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on this important matter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 919.787.9520.

Sincerely,



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President

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